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> Atty. Hesse:

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> I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage you to support the  
> Microsoft settlement. I was told you are the person to talk to, so allow  
> me to make a couple points regarding this issue.

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> First, this case has gone on long enough. Just like the other legal wars  
> that play out in DC, this one has overstayed it's welcome. Once you can  
> get to the point where some form of agreement has been reached, the DOJ  
> should accept the terms and move on. Second, taxpayers should not have to  
> fund legal wars that spend money on issues like this when there are plenty  
> of other things the Feds can spend money on that really matter to people  
> like myself ( the war on terrorism comes to mind). Third, in my opinion,  
> Microsoft is king because they have the best product. That's as it should  
> be. Accept the settlement and allow them to inovate and produce a product  
> that serves the market place. We do not need Washington to act as the  
> legal firm for Microsoft competeters who are unhappy with their place in  
> the market. Let them build a better mouse and they will be king.

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> Thanks for your time.

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